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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON CONNTRIBUTIONS: ITALIAN VERSUS CANADIAN
CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION

REF: A) USUN A-738, AUGUST 15, 1977; B) USUN A-491,
MAY 20, 1977

1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTICED FROM REF A, ITALIANS
HAVE NOMINATED MISS FERNANDA FORCIGNANO AS CANDIDATE FOR
ELECTION TO COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AT 32ND UNGA. MEANTIME,
CANADIANS HAVE CANVASSED WEOS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR RE-
ELCTION TO THIRD TERM FOR ANGUS MATHESON. (REF B).

2. CANADIAN MISOFF (HAHN) TOLD USUN THAT CANADA APPROACHED
ITALY CONCERNING (A) THIS DIRECT COMPETITION BETWEEN
TWO WELS FOR THE SAME SEAT ON COC AND (B) ITALIANS
FAILURE OBSERVE NORMAL PROTOCOL OF SEEKING REGIONAL SUPPORT
BEFORE CANVASSING ALL MEMBER STATES.

3. IN REPLY, ITALIANS SAID THEY THOUGHT CANADIANS SHOULD
STEP BACK THIS TIME IN RETURN FOR ITALY'S YIELDING TO
CANADA IN CONTEST FOR WEO SEAT ON COC IN 1971. CANADIANS
HAVE CHECKED RECORD CAREFULLY AND ESTABLISHED THAT THEY
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DID INDEED IN 1971 REQUEST ITALIANS TO YIELD AND PROMISED
RETURN FAVOR, BUT LIMITED THIS TO 1974. HAHN SAID THIS
AGREEMENT IS FULLY DOCUMENTED IN CANADIAN FILES, BUT
ITALIANS HAVE NOT BEEN SWAYED BY CANADIAN REBUTTAL.

4. HAHN NOTED THAT IN LAST ELECTION FOR COC, GREECE DEFEATED
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THEREBY INCREASING WEO REPRESENTATION ON

THE COMMITTEE ABOVE NORMAL RANGE AT EXPENSE OF EASTERN EUROPEANS. HAHN FEARS THAT IF TWO WEOS BECOME COMPETITOR FOR THIS EXTRA SEAT, BOTH MAY BE DEFEATED AND SEAT MAY PERMANENTLY SHIFT TO LDOS.

5. HAHN ALSO NOTES THAT MATHESON IS EXPERIENCED AND HAS PROVED STABLE FORCE IN COMMITTEE. CANADIANS THINK IT IS IN BEST INTEREST OF WEOS THAT HE BE REELECTED.

6. HAHN HAS NOT INDICATED HOW CANADIANS INTEND TO APPROACH ABOVE PROBLEM. MISSION WOULD WISH TO KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER DEPARTMENT FORESEES ANY OVERRIDING POLITICAL CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD CAUSE US TO FAVOR ITALY AT EXPENSE OF CANADA IN FORTHCOMING ELECTION.

7. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS DESIRED.
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